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SUBJ: TARAPUR: VISIT OF US EXPERTS

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- 1. ACCOMPANIED BY CONGEN OFFICERS, U.S. EXPERTS GEORGE LAST AND WILLIAM KIEFER MET WITH IAEA CHAIRMAN SETHNA AND OTHER INDIAN OFFICIALS ON THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 6TH. LAST AND KIEFER EXPLAINED THEIR OBJECTIVES AND PROVIDED SETHNA WITH THEIR PRELIMINARY INFORMATIONAL NEEDS AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. SETHNA, WHO WAS MOST CORDIAL, HAD NO OBJECTION SUPPLYING THE DATA.
- 2. IN LIGHT OF SETHNA'S TRAVEL PLANS (HE IS DEPARTING INDIA ON SEPTEMBER 12), IT WAS AGREED THAT THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER IN WHICH TO PROCEED WOULD BE FOR KIEFER/LAST, ACCOMPANIED BY CONSUL GENERAL COURTNEY, TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO HYDERABAD, RETURN ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 8, AND SPEND SEPTEMBER 9TH AT TARAPUR. THIS WILL PROVIDE THE TEAM WITH A FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENTIRE MANUFACTURE/UTILIZATION PROCESS AND SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR A SECOND MEETING WITH SETHNA ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL VISITS COULD BE MADE TO EITHER SITE NEXT WEEK IF THE US EXPERTS DEEM IT ADVISABLE.

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